

4734. Adulteration of canned beans. U. S. * * * v. 18 Cases of Beans.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D.
No. 7203. I. S. Nos. 2420-1, 2421-1. S. No. E-543.)

On February 3, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel of information for the seizure and condemnation of 18 cases of beans, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Peabody, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Twitchell-Champlin Co., Portland, Me., and transported from the State of Maine into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel of information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed vegetable substance.

On February 29, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VBROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*